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1. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 7, at line 3, the term "actuators" should be corrected to --actuator--.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by PouLin et al.

The pair of locking elements in operative relationship with said actuator means is readable on locking elements 36 attached to actuator 38 as shown in Figure 9 of PouLin et al.

- 3. Claims 2-7 are allowable over the prior art of record.
- 4. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Khiem Nguyen at telephone number (703) 308-1738.

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